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Subject: Relief Request 00-001  
Request for Additional Information  
McGuire Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2  
Docket Nos. 50-369, 50-370

Re: Letter Duke Energy Corporation to U.S. Nuclear  
Regulatory Commission, Relief Request 00-001,  
April 5, 2000

Duke Energy Corporation (Duke) on April 5, 2000 submitted Relief Request 00-001, which pertains to an alternative examination of the pressurizer support skirt's inaccessible weld. In a teleconference with respect to the relief request, the NRC staff requested additional information. Duke provides the following information as follows:

**Question :**

On page 1, ultrasonic examination is proposed as an alternative to the required surface examination of the pressurizer support skirt weld area C-D. Weld area A-B of the pressurizer support skirt is not mentioned. What type of examination will be performed on weld area A-B?

**Answer :**

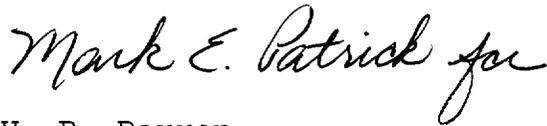
The examination of weld area A-B was performed in accordance with the requirements of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Section XI, 1989 Edition. The requirements require a surface examination, which was performed with the magnetic particle process.

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Questions on this matter should be directed to Norman T. Simms, McGuire Licensing and Compliance, at (704) 875-4685.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark E. Patrick for".

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